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In re the application of: Jeffrey T. Harvey

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RCE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action, Paper No. 4, dated December 5, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 13, 14 and 17 as follows:

- 1 13. (Amended) A raised load bearing floor system for mounting upon a non level terrace that includes:
- 3 a plurality of spaced apart support pedestals mounted upon the terrace, said pedestals having coplanar horizontally disposed top surfaces,
- 5 a plurality of high strength load bearing grate panels, each of said panels containing a series of perforations, said grate panels being mounted upon the coplanar top surfaces of said pedestals, so that each grate panel is supported at each of its corners upon one of said pedestals and each of said grate panels being in abutting relation to establish a continuous raised load bearing sub floor over said terrace; and
- 10 a plurality of paving blocks disposed onto a top surface of said grate panels, said paving blocks being arranged in an interlocking relationship upon said grate panels to establish an upper floor, the area between said pedestals being substantially greater than the surface area of ^{each} said paving blocks, said blocks being fabricated of a material capable of sustaining heavy traffic without appreciable wear.